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Photo: Left to right, Gov. Dave Heineman, Amy Chin of Lakeview High School and Education Commissioner Roger Breed.

NEBRASKA CAREER EDUCATION STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

Ninety-two Nebraska Career Education students, who received national awards earlier this year, were recently recognized in Lincoln.

Nebraska Education Commissioner Roger Breed and Gov. Dave Heineman recognized the state's career education students who received first, second, third place or finalist awards during national leadership and skills competition held by their respective Career Student Organizations. The students were recognized during a Nov. 19 ceremony. The following students are members of the Nebraska Center for Student Leadership, which includes student members of DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FEA, FFA, HOSA, PBL and SkillsUSA.

DECA Award Winners:

- Jessica Gehr and Autumn Trujillo of Lincoln Southeast High School
- Brittany Kusmierski, Dylan Chamberlain, Rachel Maurer and Geena Noble of Millard West High School
- Julia Carlson of Westside High School
- Kelcie Menghini and Ashley Pike of Scottsbluff High School

DECA is an international organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in the areas of marketing, finance, hospitality and management.

FBLA Award Winners:

- Ashley Quiring and Kaitlyn Quiring of Heartland High School
- Brent Comstock of Auburn High School
- Stephanie Teten of Johnson-Brock High School
- Amy Chin of Lakeview High School
- Myan Bhoopalam, Tianye Chen, Bridget Fleischer, Austin Koch and Akshay Rajagopal of Lincoln East High School
- Jordan Bowman, Lauren Bowman and Cody Brown of Elmwood-Murdock High School
- Colin Janitscheck and Adam Ripp of Pleasanton High School
- Lacy Uden of Adams Central High School
- Logan Meisinger of York High School
- Derek Ohlin of Aurora High School
- Spencer Morris of Twin River High School
- Josh Jochim, Andy Nelson and Nick Smith of Platteview High School

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) provides career development programs for students interested in business administration, management, finance and information technology careers.

FCCLA Award Winners:

- Nicole Weimers, Becca Laughlin and Jessica Stephens of Elm Creek High School
- Shawn Welch, Colton Aspenleiter, Josh Leas, Regan Garey, Shaylee Schroeder and Kylee Heinze of Medicine Valley High School
- Grace Carhart of Bloomfield High School
- Aubrey Dinslage of Battle Creek High School
- Megan Bydalek of Franklin High School
- Brenna Carlstrom of St. Edward High School
- Tawny Mohr of West Boyd High School
- Chandler Classen, Linsey Armstrong, Elliot Janssen and Kali Einsphar of Logan View High School
- Allison Becker, Allison Ludwig and Emily Morrow of O'Neill High School
- Molly Lambert, Tami Jo Marcellus and Dawn Klabenes of Chambers High School
- Emily Ratkovec and Elizabeth Revelo of Cozad High School
- Neligh-Oakdale FCCLA Chapter

FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) is a national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work and societal issues through family and consumer science education.

FEA Award Winners:

- Crystal Ishii of Omaha Burke High School
- FEA (Future Educators Association) is an international student organization dedicated to supporting young people interested in education-related careers.

FFA Award Winners

- Harley Hamernik of Leigh High School
- Jordan Brabec of Schuyler Central High School
- Travis Wallinger of Stuart High School
- Karlene Sukup of Creighton High School
- Matt Marcellus of West Holt High School

- Rachael Arkfeld of Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca High School
- Clay Easterday of Eustis-Farnam High School
- Lukas Fricke of David City High School
- Hannah Kesterson of Alliance High School
- Jordan Paine of Southern Valley High School

FFA is an organization of agricultural education students preparing for careers in agriculture, food and natural resources.

Phi Beta Lambda Award Winners:

- Amber Kutnink of Wayne State College
- Brian Bohan and Melody Norgaard of North Platte Community College
- Peter Raun of the University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Will Fogle, Kesha Beethe and Alex Klippert of Peru State College
- Kasha Messersmith, Trisha Rickel, Veronica Waddell and Desiree Washum of McCook Community College
- Gavin Blum and Alex Knobbe of Midland University

Phi Beta Lambda is the collegiate division of the FBLA-PBL association, which prepares members for careers in business or business-related occupations.

SkillsUSA Award Winners:

- Andy Nosavan, Eric Yowell, Anna Larson, Elise DeMaranville, Zach Pechacek, Andrew Wike and Don Shandera of Metropolitan Community College in Omaha
- Nicholas Jindra of Southeast Community College in Lincoln
- Joshua George of Seward High School
- Ashley Beall of Central Community College in Hastings
- Chase Small of Southeast Community College in Milford
- Matthew Greenwood of Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte

SkillsUSA is a national organization serving high school and college students who are enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled and service occupations, including health occupations and tech prep.